INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting - Suspect Deceased**
IAB FILE NUMBER(S):	**SH 2362639**
URN#:	**014-05490-1514-011**
DATE/TIME:	**August 1, 2014, 1729 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **Rosehedge Drive, Pico Rivera, CA**

On Friday, August 1, 2014, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant David Flores, Sergeant Scott Graham, and Sergeant James Franck responded to a hit shooting in the Pico Rivera Patrol Station jurisdiction.

Suspect Cedric Ramirez (Suspect Ramirez) sustained five gunshot wounds (head, right upper arm, right forearm, and right thigh) during the incident, and died at the scene, after pointing a .38 caliber handgun at Special Enforcement Bureau Deputy Toone. One of the residents who was at the location, [redacted] was struck by bullets from Deputy A. Gonzalez' gun during the initial incident, and died near the scene, after being rescued by on scene personnel. Deputies were not injured during the incident.

Sergeants Richard Biddle and Barry Hall from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information, refer to the Homicide case book, Homicide interviews, and the transcription of those interviews (see **EXHIBIT A and interview transcripts** contained in Volume 2).

> **IAB Note:** Due to the poor quality, of numerous pages in the original Homicide book (scanned February 4, 2015) that was sent to Internal Affairs, a subsequent book was requested by this investigator. The new book was received at Internal Affairs Bureau and scanned in on March 15, 2016. The new book was missing pages 207-211, concerning Pico Rivera Station radio traffic. This investigator contacted Operation Assistant II Norma Ogurek #[redacted] at the Homicide Bureau, who provided the missing pages via e-mail.

The District Attorney's Office reviewed the investigation and authored a Letter of Opinion stating Detective Calderon, and Deputies Avendano, A. Gonzalez and Toone,

were justified in using deadly force and acted in the lawful self-defense and in the defense of others. There would be no further action from the District Attorney (**Exhibit A, Volume 2, pages 385-400**).

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Department personnel as part of this shooting investigation. Following is a summary of the investigation, including their interviews. For more information and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions contained in ***Volume 1*** *(IAB interviews)* ***and Volume 2*** *(Homicide interviews).*

SYNOPSIS

On August 1, 2014, between 1630 and 1730 hours, personnel from Pico Rivera Station patrol, Summer Enforcement Team, as well as Operation Safe Street, converged in the square block area of Rosemead Boulevard, Reichling Lane, Lindsey Avenue and Rosehedge Drive, in search of a prowler and possible "parolee at large" (PAL), Suspect Ramirez.

While units were in the area searching for the possible prowler, Sergeant Chapman (Summer Enforcement Team) observed a white Honda CRV (SUV) being driven by an individual that looked familiar to him. He called Deputy C. Gonzalez to his location near Rosemead Boulevard and Reichling Lane, and requested Deputy C. Gonzalez show him a "Be On The Lookout" (BOLO) flier containing the picture and information of Suspect Ramirez. Upon seeing the BOLO, Sergeant Chapman advised that the vehicle that had just driven by him, was being driven by Cedric Ramirez (see Special Bulletin contained in **Exhibit A**, Volume 2, page 8).

> **IAB Note:** Cedric Ramirez [redacted].
> Deputies in that incident were unable to apprehend Cedric Ramirez, but found that he had left behind a 9mm handgun and an AR-15 .223 high powered rifle in the vehicle. OSS Detective Lopez created the bulletin the same day of the incident.

Deputies that were on scene looking for the prowler, broke down their containment and began an area search for Suspect Ramirez. A few minutes later, Deputy C. Gonzalez observed the vehicle, being driven by Suspect Ramirez, was now parked in front of [redacted], which he knew to be the address of [redacted], the [redacted] of Suspect Ramirez. Deputy C. Gonzalez confirmed with Sergeant Chapman that the vehicle was the one he observed.

While at the location, Deputy C. Gonzalez, along with his partner Deputy [redacted]), who was on a STC ride along from the Inmate Reception Center, approached the residence. Deputy [redacted] said he peaked over the wall on the east side of the residence looking into the backyard and then stayed near the palm tree on the east side of the residence. He stayed focused on the front northeast window

and Deputy C. Gonzalez went and knocked on the front door of the residence, two separate times. Deputy [redacted] did not believe any other deputies were with them at this point and Deputy C. Gonzalez announced himself as a Sheriff's Deputy. Deputy C. Gonzalez said he knocked on the door so someone would come to the front door and establish their presence at the location.

IAB Note: Deputy C. Gonzalez said he established a containment with what units he had available before knocking on the door. He said Sergeant Chapman had been at the location, but took a position of containment, waiting for more units to arrive. Deputy C. Gonzalez said he did not discuss his plan for the Reichling address with Sergeant Chapman, but also said that he "wanted" to say he told Sergeant Chapman that he was going to do a door knock, but did not remember exactly. Deputy C. Gonzalez said he did not believe he had a barricaded suspect situation because he had no confirmation that Suspect Ramirez was inside the location.

IAB Note: Sergeant Chapman said Deputy C. Gonzalez did not tell him or seek his approval to do a door knock. He said that a door knock at that point was not appropriate. He said when he left the Reichling address there were not enough resources to do a door knock. Radio traffic after Suspect Ramirez fled from [redacted] confirmed units were still arriving to contain the area (see **transcribed radio traffic labeled "Air Traffic," starting on page 15, and audio in Exhibit B**).

Deputy [redacted] said he saw a female through one of the windows (furthest south window) on the east side of the residence after Deputy C. Gonzalez had knocked on the door. He remembered seeing the torso portion of the individual and then a "quick flash" of a male with tattoos on his stomach or chest. The female came back and closed the window blinds. Deputy C. Gonzalez said the female was [redacted], and when she saw him, she closed the blinds as he yelled out her name.

IAB Note: Deputy Gonzalez told Homicide investigators he had called Los Angeles County Probation Officer [redacted] to ascertain [redacted]'s probation conditions, after he observed [redacted] close the windows.

IAB Note: Probation Officer [redacted] told Homicide investigators that Deputy C. Gonzalez had contacted her to ascertain if [redacted] was on probation. [redacted] Deputy C. Gonzalez told her that [redacted] would not open the door. She asked Deputy C. Gonzalez if he wanted her to roll out and he said yes, telling her to come to Reichling (Lane) (for further see Probation Officer [redacted]'s interview in **Exhibit B**).

Deputy [redacted] arrived on scene with Deputy Avendano and said Deputy C. Gonzalez believed Suspect Ramirez was inside the residence. He took a position on the west side of the location.

Deputy C. Gonzalez heard what sounded to him to be an animal or a person running through the rear of the residence, describing it as items falling/scratching like to climb a wall. He heard radio traffic of a "guy" running through the back yard, but did not know who put it out. Deputy Avendano, who was Deputy [redacted] partner, left the Reichling address in their radio car, and went to the address on [redacted] Rosehedge. Deputy [redacted] remained at the location with Deputy [redacted] and Deputy C. Gonzalez.

> **IAB Note:** Radio traffic concerning this time frame was transcribed for this investigation, labeled "Air Traffic." Starting on page 14, under the time frame starting at 5:19 PM, Aero is requested regarding a "925 running." At 5:22 PM, page 16, radio traffic indicates the suspect (Suspect Ramirez) is in a trash can at [redacted] Rosehedge.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy [redacted] said from the time they arrived at the Reichling address until he heard shooting, was approximately 30 minutes.

After arriving at [redacted] Rosehedge Avenue, Deputies Avendano, Calderon, Lopez, A. Gonzalez and Guillen, made an approach to the residence to apprehend Suspect Ramirez. Prior to the approach, the involved personnel formulated a plan which included Deputy Guillen being assigned the Taser.

> **IAB Note**: Radio traffic at approximately 5:28 pm indicates that personnel at the location were making an approach on the residence (see **page 20 of the transcribed "Air Traffic."**).

Upon approach, Detective Lopez took a position on the short wall near the west gate, and Detective Calderon placed himself on the bed of a truck, that was parked up against the fence. Detective Calderon did this to be able to see into the backyard. The other personnel above, were near the front of the location. Detective Calderon made announcements for Suspect Ramirez to come out with his hands up, and also said he was from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department canine. Deputy A. Gonzalez who was near the southwest corner of the residence, was updated by a male in the residence that Suspect Ramirez was now in the garage.

Detective Calderon remained on the back of the pick-up truck, while Deputies Lopez, Avendano, A. Gonzalez, and Guillen made their way toward the front of the residence, and then inside to get to the backyard. Detective Lopez said he reached the kitchen door which led into the backyard when he heard what he believed to be an exchange of gunfire. Deputy A. Gonzalez said he had made it most of the way through the living room area when he heard an exchange of gunfire and then "998."

> **IAB Note:** The first 998 radio traffic occurred at approximately 5:29 pm, approximately one minute after approach on the residence (see **page 20 of the transcribed "Air Traffic."**)

Prior to Deputies going into the residence, Detective Lopez and Detective Calderon said they heard a popping noise, and Detective Calderon questioned whether it was a gunshot. Detective Lopez and Detective Calderon said someone said it was not a gunshot and the padlock or the chain from the gate made the noise. Detective Calderon said someone else said it was a gunshot. Deputy De Bondt said he remembered hearing the first pop and everyone was confused whether it was a gunshot. Deputy Avendano, Deputy Guillen and Deputy C. Gonzalez did not remember this.

Detective Calderon said after hearing the first "pop" he knew it was a gunshot, but was thrown off by the fact someone said it was not. He said he then heard a second shot, and had a feeling he was being shot at. He said he looked up and saw the suspect (Cedric Ramirez), crouched down near the garage, with a gun pointed at him. He heard a pop sound and saw the muzzle flash.

Detective Calderon fired two or three rounds back at Suspect Ramirez and took cover. He came back up looking over the fence, and fired again at Suspect Ramirez who was moving sideways with his gun extended out in his right hand shooting back at Deputy Calderon. Detective Calderon fired back at Suspect Ramirez, who ran east in the backyard.

> **IAB Note:** Detective Calderon did not know if the suspect at this point was Cedric Ramirez.

> **IAB Note:** Detective Calderon said after he exchanged gunfire with Suspect Ramirez, he took cover, and did not know where everyone (other deputies) had gone, and felt he was by himself. He assumed everyone had gone east to prevent Suspect Ramirez from escaping.

Detective Calderon said he could see through the window of the residence, two small children crying and yelling for help, and his focus became the protection of those children. He ran to the children, opening the door to the residence, telling the children to come to him. He said he knew other deputies were behind him, but did not know who it was. He told the children to run to the deputies. After the children ran past him, a male [redacted].) with his hands up, ran past him.

Detective Calderon then saw a Great Dane and another dog, with the Great Dane growling at him. He thought he was going to get bit so he lowered his gun at the dog, ready to shoot him if this occurred, as they ran past him. As he did this he saw Suspect Ramirez come out of the hallway, straitening his right hand out with a pistol in it, and fired at Detective Calderon. An exchange of gunfire ensued, during which Detective Calderon dropped to one knee and then to the prone position to change Suspect

Ramirez' target area. He did not recall how many rounds he fired in this exchange with Suspect Ramirez at this point, but remembered doing a magazine exchange while in the prone position because he did not know how many rounds he had left. Detective Calderon said he did not know if Deputy Avendano was behind him during the shooting, but came to learn that after the fact.

> **IAB Note:** Detective Calderon, in describing this exchange, said he thought he was going to die, and his instinct was to take the suspect with him. He said he remembered hitting the area where Suspect Ramirez was standing and seeing the TV exploding. He did not remember his bullets hitting the suspect, but said they hit near him.

Deputy Avendano said he was walking toward the front door of the residence when he heard what sounded like two different gunshots, describing it as a gun battle. He said seconds later he heard screaming from inside the residence [redacted] Rosehedge Dr.) and went to evacuate the people inside. He said when he was at the door, a little boy ran out first, then the [redacted] ([redacted]) with a little girl. Soon after, two dogs came running out, one a Great Dane.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Avendano said the screaming he heard was something he would never forget. "It's, people screaming like they're, like they're about to die." (see **page 39 of Deputy Avendano's transcribed interview with Internal Affairs Bureau, Volume 1**)

Deputy Avendano then saw a silhouette of a gun come out of the hallway and then two muzzle flashes. He shot back in the direction of the muzzle flashes, as he was just west of the front door jamb, standing next to Detective Calderon. Detective Calderon was crouched down, while Deputy Avendano stood over him, with his hand on Detective Calderon holding him down. He did not remember anyone else at the door with them, and did not remember seeing Detective Calderon shoot his weapon.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Avendano said when he saw the muzzle flashes everything went in slow motion, and he thought he was going to die or the suspect was going to kill someone. He said for lack of a better word, he was "scared shitless."

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Avendano said he could not see what the suspect looked like, and only saw his torso.

Deputy Avendano remembered firing back at Suspect Ramirez approximately four to five times, and then did not see Suspect Ramirez again. He took cover behind a vehicle in front of the residence doing a tactical reload, and put out radio traffic. When he looked back he saw an older gentleman ([redacted]) down at the front door, and told someone to jump on the radio because they needed to do a rescue. He did not know how [redacted] came to be down (injured), and did not recall hearing any gunshots from the time he retreated from the front door to cover behind the vehicle.

Deputy A. Gonzalez said after they were told Suspect Ramirez was no longer in the trash can, but was in the garage, he entered the residence and was the first one in. He said it was dark with not much sunlight coming in. He saw two kids, two dogs and the gentleman ([redacted]) who was talking to them through the window, wearing a hat. He made it through most of the living room and could see out of the back of the house when he heard the first exchange of gunfire outside and then "998."

Deputy A. Gonzalez exited the residence and heard Aero say the suspect jumped a wall going east. He went to the property line near the house, east of the residence, feeling it was a good position to contain the suspect. Less than a minute later he heard screaming come from inside the residence and saw Deputy Avendano and Detective Calderon take a position on the left side of the front door. Deputy A. Gonzalez positioned himself at the front door on the east side.

Deputy A. Gonzalez said he saw two dogs, the [redacted] run out the residence. As soon as [redacted] cleared the door, he saw Deputy Avendano and Detective Calderon shooting northeast into the residence, but he was unable to see into that area. He remembered seeing Deputy Avendano high and Detective Calderon low. He estimated that between Detective Calderon, Deputy Avendano, and the suspect, they shot a total of 10-12 rounds, and the gunfire was distinctive between shots fired outside and from inside.

Deputy A. Gonzalez said when the gunfire ceased, Detective Calderon and Deputy Avendano retreated from the doorway, and he did so as well. As he backed up, Deputy A. Gonzalez saw a male silhouette (side profile) run west through the residence toward the window where he remembered Deputies Calderon and Avendano "ducked backing out." He said because the last position he remembered them being, was under the window, he believed the suspect was running toward the window to shoot down on them and execute them. He fired at the perceived threat, and next saw an older male fall down just inside the front door, approximately 5 seconds after he fired his gun. He did not see a gun or anything in the persons hand and could not tell what the person was wearing.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy A. Gonzalez said the individual he fired at did not say anything to warn he was coming out (see **page 23 of Deputy A. Gonzalez transcribed Internal Affairs Bureau interview**).

> **IAB Note:** Deputy A. Gonzalez said that from the time he started backing up, away from the front door, to the time he fired his two rounds, was approximately 10-15 seconds. (see **page 26 of Deputy A. Gonzalez transcribed Internal Affairs Bureau interview**).

Deputy A. Gonzalez said he remembered hearing a male behind him scream, "That's my father!" He put out radio traffic that a man was down in the front door, and per a family member it was his father.

Sergeant Nichiporuk arrived at the location and saw that there was a person down on the porch of the residence. He realized that a rescue was needed and he reverted to the training when he worked at the Special Enforcement Bureau. He believed he told Deputy Avendano to get him two shotguns and exchange the rounds for #4 buck, or the highest he could get. He then instructed Deputy Avendano and Deputy Felix that he wanted them to shoot into the eaves of the residence as they approached, alternating their shots, to keep the suspect down, and not hurt the hostage [redacted] Sergeant Nichiporuk assigned Detective Lopez and Deputy Stocz to carry the downed person out of the residence, as he and Deputy Galvez would step over the downed person with the shield to provide cover for the rescuing personnel. Additionally he had Deputy John Padilla #[redacted] cover the front of the location with an AR-15 rifle.

> **IAB Note:** Radio traffic indicates that the initial shooting began at approximately 5:29 pm and the rescue was completed by 5:45 pm (see **pages 20-42 of the transcribed "Air Traffic" for further**).

Sergeant Nichiporuk said he told everyone to stay off the air (radio frequency) and if they hear 998's, it was going to be the rescue team and to not put out any radio traffic (see **Air Traffic on pages 31-33, time stamped at 5:40 pm, Volume 1**). As they approached the house Deputy Felix flanked on the west side of the rescue team, and Deputy Avendano was on the east side. They shot their shotgun rounds toward the eaves of the residence with Deputy Felix shooting four rounds and Deputy Avendano shooting four to five. Sergeant Nichiporuk and Deputy Galvez stepped inside the residence with the shield, and Deputy Galvez had his M-4.

Deputy Stocz said when he went to grab the downed individual ([redacted].) they (Deputy Stocz and Deputy Galvez) grabbed him by the shoulders and had to drag him to the back of a radio car. He said he remembered Detective Lopez and Detective Calderon being at the back of the car to help load [redacted] into the vehicle.

Deputy Galvez said as they approached the residence, gunfire ensued, that he said it appeared to be coming from out of the residence. He said deputies began to fan out, but he gave commands for them to stay calm and continue with the plan. Once inside, he said additional gun fire ensued, but he could not see the suspect, but could feel the rounds flying above his head and feel chunks of stucco pelting off of him. He said he knew there was an additional hostage inside, and since he did not have a target, he did not fire through the walls. He said he did not see a muzzle flash and did not tell personnel that they were being shot at. Deputy Galvez said it was possible the deputies shooting into the eaves of the residence is what he perceived to be shots fired at him (for **further clarification see pages 21-22 of Deputy Galvez' transcribed interview with IAB, Volume 1**).

Deputy Galvez remembered urging the deputies to pick up the victim ([redacted]), and he also grabbed one of the victim's legs to assist them, and they backed out of the location. Deputy Galvez said he was not aware that shotgun rounds were going to be fired into the eaves of the residence as they approached, but did hear it as they did.

Deputy Stocz said when he got up to [redacted] he did not hear anymore gunshots, nor did he see any. He said, "No," when asked if he got the sense or if he ever saw the suspect shooting at them when they were in the house. He also did not hear any bullets whizzing or see any plaster exploding around him. Nobody ever said they saw the suspect or shot back at the suspect inside while he was in the house. He said as they were taking [redacted] out of the house he heard one more shotgun. Deputy Stocz said he did not shoot his gun during the incident.

Detective Lopez said as he approached the house deputies shot at the top of the home, because he could hear the bullets. He did not know if the suspect was returning fire. When he approached the threshold of the door, he struggled because the victim was a large man. He said Deputy Galvez stepped in to assist and pretty much pulled the victim out by himself. Detective Lopez said he did not shoot his weapon during the incident.

Detective Calderon said when the rescue team made it to the front lawn he ran up to join them and was left of the shield. He said Deputy Galvez told him he was needed to help carry the victim. Shotguns were "going off," but he did not know who was shooting them, and assumed the rounds went into the attic. He said once inside the house, the shield went over the victim and he could see he was dead. He said he had not seen this person prior to the rescue. He grabbed [redacted]'s leg and they carried him all the way back to a black and white (radio car), and the car drove eastbound.

After the victim ([redacted]) had been rescued from the location, personnel kept a containment at the location under the direction of Sergeant Nichiporuk. His intention was to use the same personnel who rescued [redacted], should they need to rescue the hostage ([redacted]).

Detective Lopez said that Los Angeles County Probation Officer [redacted] approached him, and advised that [redacted] had called his mom's ([redacted]) cell phone and the suspect, Cedric Ramirez, had picked up the phone. Detective Lopez asked [redacted] for his cell phone to call his ([redacted]) mom's cell phone. [redacted] agreed, and Detective Lopez called the phone.

Detective Lopez said he spoke to the suspect (Cedric Ramirez) for several hours, on and off again, because the suspect would hang up. Eventually Sergeant Ryan Vienna #[redacted] from the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) took over.

Sergeant Nichiporuk said he passed on information to, and then told Deputy Kevin Hilgendorf of the Special Enforcement Team, upon his arrival, that they had the rescue. He said Deputy Hilgendorf was the scout.

Special Enforcement Bureau assumed responsibility for the hostage rescue under Grey Team Leader Sergeant Russell Boucher. He told Homicide investigators that the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) was in communication with the suspect (Cedric Ramirez) on and off. Sergeant Boucher heard one shot go off earlier in the evening, and it sounded

like it was going at containment personnel. A second shot went off a short time later, but CNT advised they were on the phone with the suspect and could hear the hostage ([redacted]) in the background, and it did not sound as if the hostage was in distress.

Sergeant Boucher told Homicide investigators that later in the evening they heard a third shot go off, and at that point CNT had lost communication with the suspect and they could not hear dialogue between the hostage and the suspect. Sergeant Boucher declared a crisis entry needed to be made, and they made their way to the front of the location (see pages 393-394 of **Exhibit A, Volume 2**).

At the front of the location, Deputy Toone had his MP-5 bungeed to his chest and he broke out the window in front of the residence as he was assigned He observed other SEB personnel enter the residence through the front door. He decided there was no use for him to cover the window, and moved up to the front door, and took a step inside.

Deputy Toone observed one of the deputies struggling to move a TV and saw that it was kind of leaning back toward the deputy. Deputy Toone said the purpose of moving the TV was because it was creating an obstruction. Deputy Toone said heard that the team had the hostage ([redacted]) and no one had mentioned the suspect

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Galvez said there was a small gap between the TV and the wall. He tried to push the TV and it actually pushed back, and he knew it was not caught on something. He felt he needed to get around the TV immediately and that was when gun fire occurred within a few feet of him, he saw the suspect down with a chrome revolver next to him. He did not see the shooting occur.

Deputy Toone said that immediately to his right was a high stack of clothes, sheets and blankets, approximately four and one half feet tall. His instincts kicked in and with his gun in his right hand, he moved the stack with his left, believing the suspect could be hiding. The first piece (clothes or sheet) he moved he immediately saw a male Hispanic with a bunch of tattoos, in a crouched position, back against the wall

Deputy Toone said the suspect had his arms resting on his knees and he had a large revolver pointing at him (Toone). They were inches from each other and both were surprised to see each other. Deputy Toone immediately shot at the suspect, 4-5 times, as he was trying to stand up, then the suspect immediately went back to the same position he had been in. He did not remember seeing the back of the suspects head when he shot.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Toone fired 5 rounds from his Department issued Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun. He said he was in fear for his life when he shot his gun, and thanked God that the suspect didn't fire because his (suspect) gun was pointed right at him.

IAB Note: Homicide detectives recovered Suspect Cedric Ramirez' revolver and found it contained one live round which was not in the "next to fire" position. There were also four fired cartridge casings inside, and one empty chamber see (**Exhibit A, Volume 2, page 97**).

Deputy Toone said the suspect dropped the gun, and Deputy Toone yelled, Suspect, suspect, suspect," because the entry teams backs were to the suspect, and he wanted it clear that he (Toone) was the one who shot. Suspect Ramirez died on scene

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The District Attorney's Office reviewed the investigation and authored a Letter of Opinion stating Detective Calderon, and Deputies Avendano, A. Gonzalez and Toone, were justified in using deadly force and acted in the lawful self-defense and in the defense of others There would be no further action from the District Attorney (**Exhibit A, Volume 2, pages 385-400**).

INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND WORK HISTORY

Oscar Calderon, Deputy Sheriff – OSS Detective, #[redacted]
Special Operations Division
Operation Safe Streets -Pico Rivera Station

Department Hire Date:	September 21, 1998
Date Assigned to Patrol (station):	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 1	12/29/2013

Leonardo Avendano, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Pico Rivera Station

Department Hire Date:	January 2, 2007
Date Assigned to Patrol (station):	 [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	

Anselmo Gonzalez, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Pico Rivera Station

Department Hire Date:	January 11, 2001
Date Assigned to Patrol (station):	 [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	

Venus Felix, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Pico Rivera Station

Department Hire Date: May 11, 2000
Date Assigned to Patrol (station): [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 1 01/10/2013

Andrew Toone, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Special Operations Division
Special Enforcement Bureau

Department Hire Date: June 11, 1999
Date Assigned to Patrol (station): [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 2 03/10/2006
07/05/2007

SUSPECT INFORMATON

Cedric Ramirez
Male, Hispanic, DOB: 10-24-1989, 509/155
[redacted]
CII #[redacted], FBI #[redacted]

> **IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Ramirez's criminal history is included in the Homicide Investigation Book (EXHIBIT A, Volume 2, pages 352-376).**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Ramirez sustained five gunshot wounds during this incident and died on scene: head (2), right arm, right forearm and right thigh. (**EXHIBIT A, Volume 2, pages 287-313).**

VICTIM INFORMATION

[redacted]
Male, Hispanic, DOB: [redacted]

> **IAB Note:** For the purposes of data entry only, into the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Personnel Performance Index (computer program), Victim [redacted] was listed as "S2" on pages 2 and 5 of the Officer Involved Shooting (SH-R-438A) form contained in this case. This is to accurately account for the force/shooting applied in this matter.

VICTIM INJURIES

[redacted] sustained two gunshot wounds during the incident. One gunshot wound was to the upper right side of his forehead and the other was through the right ankle.

The gunshot wound to [redacted]'s forehead was fatal.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Physical evidence was handled by Homicide Detectives and collected by Sheriff's Crime Lab personnel. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was located, see the Homicide Investigation Book **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2 and Exhibit B, Volume 1)**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene was described in detail by Homicide investigators and was also photographed by the Sheriff's Crime Lab personnel (**EXHIBIT B**).

WEAPON USED BY DETECTIVE CALDERON

Detective Calderon fired 12 rounds from his Department issued Beretta 9mm handgun.

Date last qualified (prior to shooting): [redacted]

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY AVENDANO

Deputy Avendano fired 6 rounds from his Sig Sauer 9mm handgun and 5 rounds from the Department provided Remington 870 shotgun.

Date last qualified – Sig Sauer (prior to shooting):
Remington Shotgun Certification:


[redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY A. GONZALEZ

Deputy A. Gonzalez fired 2 rounds from his Department issued Smith and Wesson M&P 9mm handgun.

Date last qualified (prior to shooting):


[redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY FELIX

Deputy Felix fired 4 rounds from the Department provided Remington 870 shotgun.

Remington Shotgun Certification:


[redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY TOONE

Deputy Toone fired 5 rounds from his Department issued Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun.
Date last qualified (prior to shooting):


[redacted]

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT RAMIREZ

Suspect Ramirez was in possession of a .38 caliber handgun **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2)**.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The criminal investigation into the shooting was handled by Sergeant Richard Biddle and now Lieutenant Barry Hall **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2)**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

This shooting incident occurred during daytime and early morning hours.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DETECTIVE OSCAR CALDERON

On August 2, 2014, Homicide Sergeant Richard Biddle and now Lieutenant Barry Hall interviewed Detective Calderon. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2)**. For a detailed account of the interview refer to the attached transcript in **Volume 2**.

On September 20, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Patrick Mannion and Ronald Ridley interviewed Detective Calderon. For a detailed account of the interview refer to the attached transcript in **Volume 1**. During the interview, Detective Calderon plotted his positions during the incident. These documents and other photographs shown to Detective Calderon during his interview can be found behind his transcribed interview.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY LEONARDO AVENDANO

On August 2, 2014, Homicide Sergeant Richard Biddle and now Lieutenant Barry Hall interviewed Deputy Avendano. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2)**. For a detailed account of the interview refer to the attached transcript in **Volume 2**.

On September 22, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Patrick Mannion and Ronald Ridley interviewed Deputy Avendano. For a detailed account of the interview refer to the attached transcript. During the interview, Deputy Avendano plotted his positions during the incident. These documents and other photographs shown to Deputy Avendano during his interview can be found behind his transcribed interview.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ANSELMO GONZALEZ

On August 2, 2014, Homicide Sergeant Richard Biddle and now Lieutenant Barry Hall interviewed Deputy A. Gonzalez. Sergeant Biddle conducted a subsequent interview with Deputy A. Gonzalez on August 20, 2014. The interviews were summarized in the Homicide Case Book **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2)**. For a detailed account of the interviews refer to the attached transcript in **Volume 2**.

On September 20, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Patrick Mannion and Ronald Ridley interviewed Deputy A. Gonzalez. For a detailed account of the interview refer to the attached transcript. During the interview, Deputy A. Gonzalez plotted his positions during the incident. These documents and other photographs shown to Deputy A. Gonzalez during his interview can be found behind his transcribed interview.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY VENUS FELIX

On August 2, 2014, Homicide Sergeant Richard Biddle and now Lieutenant Barry Hall interviewed Deputy V. Felix. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2)**. For a detailed account of the interview refer to the attached transcript in **Volume 2**.

On September 15, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Patrick Mannion and Ronald Ridley interviewed Deputy V. Felix. For a detailed account of the interview refer to the attached transcript. During the interview, Deputy V. Felix plotted her positions during the incident. These documents and other photographs shown to Deputy V. Felix during her interview can be found behind her transcribed interview.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ANDREW TOONE

On August 2, 2014, Homicide Detectives Shipe and Anderson interviewed Deputy Toone. They conducted a subsequent interview with Deputy Toone on October 23, 2014. The interviews were summarized in the Homicide Case Book **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2)**. For a detailed account of the interviews refer to the attached transcript in **Volume 2**.

On September 22, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Patrick Mannion and Ronald Ridley interviewed Deputy Toone. For a detailed account of the interview refer to the attached transcript. During the interview, Deputy Toone plotted his positions during the incident. These documents and other photographs shown to Deputy Toone during his interview can be found behind his transcribed interview.

WITNESS EMPLOYEES AND CIVILIANS INTERVIEWED BY HOMICIDE

Homicide Investigators interviewed numerous employee and civilian witnesses, summarizing their statements in the Homicide Case Book **(EXHIBIT A, Volume 2)**. For a detailed account of the interviews refer to the attached transcripts in **Volume 2,** and their audio recorded interviews contained in Dictaphone, listed in the Audio/Video Tracking Sheet.

All Internal Affairs Bureau interviews were transcribed and are contained in Volume 1.

CIVIL LAWSUIT

A Civil Lawsuit is listed in PPI under #LS2389986.